

Alpine Sheriff's Office to receive Hot Weather Survival Packs from the U.S. Border Patrol

Alpine, Ca. – The U.S. Border Patrol will be supplying the Alpine Sheriff's Office and Sheriff's Rural Enforcement division with "hot weather survival packs." These packs are intended to aid deputies in the event they encounter individuals in remote areas suffering from dehydration, heat stroke or malnutrition.

The survival packs are equipped with water, Gatorade, electrolyte tablets and other liquids to help hydrate victims. The packs also contain various nutritional supplements such as granola trail mix, dehydrated fruit mix and carbohydrate gels, as well as first-aid supplies.

The Alpine Sheriff's Office is committed to reducing the loss of life along our nation's borders. Due to the close proximity of the Sheriff's Office to the border and numerous encounters with stranded migrants, the Sheriffs continue to assist the San Diego Sector Border Patrol's ongoing Border Safety Initiative. The Border Safety Initiative was launched in 1998 by the Border Patrol to reduce injuries and prevent fatalities in the border area. The Border Safety Initiative focuses on the following areas: **Prevention** of entries through potentially hazardous areas; **Search and Rescue** capabilities and commitments, and interactive support in situations requiring the **Identification** of deceased persons.

These "hot weather survival packs" are useful in providing immediate survival assistance until trained and equipped emergency medical personnel arrive. Since the inception of the Border Safety Initiative in 1998, the San Diego Sector Border Patrol has rescued 1,045 individuals.

Media Presentation to be held July 18, 2002, 10:00 a.m. at the Alpine Sheriff Office, 1347 Tavern Rd. Suite 2, Alpine, CA